



September 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back

It is nice to say that the children are all adjusting well to the new school year. Yes, we do have a few tears here and there, but the tears only last a very short. When I look into the classrooms, everyone is concentrating, engaged and working; they really seem focused on their work. It is a joy to welcome each child. We are looking forward to seeing their growth throughout the school year. Thank you for sharing your children with us.

Garden Community

Yes, I can say that we *had* plants growing in our garden. The zucchini and a few tomatoes made it to the Food Pantry. This was not our best garden year, but we can reflect on our garden and plan for next year. Even my home garden struggled, and part of it could have been due to the weather. The other part might be just planning to plant marigolds around the garden bed to prevent hungry animals from eating our produce. We never had a problem with this in the Community Garden until this year. There are a lot of hungry chipmunks out there! They are cute, but they like tomatoes. Thank you to the many families who watered our garden. It did stay very green even during the hot weather. We certainly did a good job trying to keep our plants growing. In fact, our garden is still growing, and if I can get to the tomatoes before the chipmunks do, then the children can have some of them for snack. At this point, there isn't enough to donate to the Food Pantry, but we haven't forgotten them because we do walk to the food Pantry in November with wagons full of nonperishable food.



Pizza Program

The Pizza Program will begin on Thursday, September 27th and run for 10 weeks - until December 13th. *Please note that December 6th is a conference day/early release so we will skip that Thursday).*

The sign up form will be handed out soon and also uploaded on the school's website. If your child is a full day student or stays for Extended Day on Thursdays, the cost of the pizza program would be \$50.00 for 10 weeks. Prices for morning students and other options will be listed on the sign up form. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Downtown Partnership – Harvest Stroll

Save the date! The Franklin Harvest Festival takes place on Saturday, October 13th from 11am to 4:00pm. It is a nice time to see what the businesses in Franklin have to offer. The festival is set up along Main St and branches out into the side streets and parking lots. See <http://www.franklindowntownpartnership.org/>

We are always excited to see our Sunrise children attend this event. We will also have information about Sunrise available for anyone who is interested in our preschool or kindergarten programs. If you have friends, neighbors or coworkers who have young children, send them to see us. Please wish for sunshine so we can look forward to a fun, Saturday morning. The rain date is Sunday, October 14th.

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Other Upcoming Events & News

Curriculum Night

At our Information Session in September I briefly spoke about our Curriculum Night, which takes place on Thursday, October 18th. This evening provides an opportunity for you to get to know your child's teachers better and provides an overview of the classroom.

Your child's teachers will present lessons from the classroom that your child may be doing or at some point will get to do as their skill levels develop more.

If there is a particular lesson that you would like to see, please let your child's lead teacher know so that this can be presented that night. Montessori teachers love to give lessons – it is fun and challenging to do, and they also look forward to the many questions that follow the lessons. We hope that every parent can attend - please plan for a babysitter now. Grandparents, friends, neighbors, coworkers and the general public are welcome to join us.



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Enrollment

As most of you know, we do have some openings for children to join Sunrise Montessori School this year. If you have friends or relatives who might be interested, please have them call the office to set up a tour. Children do need to be between the ages of 2.9 to 6 when they begin. Families who refer other families will receive a \$100.00 referral credit on their account. Please remind your friend or relative to write your name as a referral on the application / questionnaire form. Thank you.

Happy fall,

Karen M. Roeber

Director of Sunrise Montessori School



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please note that all current events, news and the academic year calendar are also found on the school's website: www.MySunriseMontessori.com

Be sure to check out our "**Digital Backpack**". This page can be found in the pulldown menu of the "Current Events" tab. Click on any of the hyperlinks to view the selected form or information page as a PDF.

Wednesday, September 19 – Yom Kippur- No School

Thursday, September 27 – first day of the Pizza Program

Monday, October 8 – Columbus Day – No School

Saturday, October 13 - Franklin Harvest Festival

Thursday, October 18 – Curriculum Night

Wednesday, October 31 - Halloween activities in the classroom; costume parade to the playground